



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 629**

LCO No. 5031



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**AN ACT REQUIRING KILL SWITCHES FOR SMARTPHONES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) As used in this section,  
2       "smartphone" means a cellular radio telephone or other mobile voice  
3       communications handset device that includes all of the following  
4       features: (1) A mobile operating system, (2) the capability to utilize  
5       mobile software applications, access and browse the Internet, utilize  
6       text messaging, utilize digital voice service and send and receive  
7       electronic mail, (3) wireless network connectivity, and (4) the  
8       capability of operating on a long-term evolution network or on any  
9       successor wireless data network communication standard.
- 10       (b) Each new model of a smartphone offered for retail sale in this  
11       state on and after July 1, 2016, shall include software or hardware, or a  
12       combination of both, that once initiated and successfully  
13       communicated by an authorized user, render inoperable, the essential  
14       features of the smartphone to an unauthorized user.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	July 1, 2016	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To protect consumers who lose or have their smartphones stolen.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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